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Two COVID-19-Related Fatalities Reported Results: 11 of 396 Test Positive for COVID-19; DPHSS COVID-19 Community Mass Testing Continues Tomorrow

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The Joint Information Center was notified that Guam's 116th COVID-19-related fatality occurred at approximately 12:15 p.m. on November 19, 2020. The patient was a 85-year-old female with underlying conditions and expired at home in hospice care. She was a known COVID-19 case and was previously admitted to the Guam Memorial Hospital (GMH). The patient's death certificate was recently amended resulting in late reporting.

Guam's 117th COVID-19-related fatality occurred at GMH at approximately 2:15 p.m. today. The patient was a 65-year-old female with underlying conditions that were further compounded by COVID-19. She was admitted to GMH on November 18, 2020 and was a known positive case.

"Today, we mourn the loss of two more souls to this virus. Jeff, Lt. Governor Josh, and I express our deepest condolences and sympathies to those who loved them," said Governor Lou Leon Guerrero. "To the people of Guam, we must remember that this pandemic is far from over. Our actions are just as important now as they were before. Let us not ring in the holiday season with anymore sadness. Wear your mask, watch your distance, and wash your hands."

Results: 11 New Cases of COVID-19

Eleven (11) new cases of COVID-19 were identified out of 396 tests performed on Friday, December 11, 2020. To date, there have been a total of **7,090** officially reported cases of COVID-19 with **117** deaths, **560** cases in active isolation and **6,413** not in active isolation.

TODAY'S CAR SCORE

1.6

The COVID Area Risk (CAR) Score will be recalculated once reports from all participating labs are up to date. The COVID Area Risk (CAR) Score accounts for the incidence of new cases, how well current testing identifies these cases, and the rate of spread. Given the recent surges, Guam's first step has been to achieve a sustained CAR Score of 5.0 and below. The ideal long-term goal is to sustain a CAR Score of 2.5 or less, which has been shown to correlate with very low to zero COVID-related hospitalizations and deaths. To learn more about the CAR Score, visit Strive for Five.

The following tables provide COVID-19 test results reported to the Joint Information Center on Saturday, December 12 and reflects results from Friday, December 11:

COVID-19 CASE COUNT

TOTAL

NEW CASES
REPORTED TODAY

PAST 7 DAYS

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COVID-19 CASES:	7,090	11	N/A
CONFIRMED CASES:	6,953	N/A	N/A
PROBABLE CASES:	137	N/A	N/A

COVID HOSPITAL CENSUS	Guam Memorial Hospital	Guam Regional Medical City	U.S. Naval Hospital	TOTAL
COVID ADMISSION	27	6	0	33
IN ICU	6	2	0	8
ON VENTILATOR	5	2	0	7

DPHSS COVID-19 Community Mass Testing Continues Tomorrow

The Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) continues free COVID-19 community mass testing tomorrow at the Micronesia Mall parking lot, adjacent to the Ross parking garage from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and the Guam Judicial Center parking lot and the Guam Premier Outlets food court parking lot from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

For the safety of the community and the nurses, **only four (4) people per vehicle** are allowed to be tested. No symptoms are needed to qualify for testing. Please bring a picture ID.

TESTING SITE	DATE	TIME
Micronesia Mall, Dededo	Sunday, December 13	8:00 a.m 12:00 p.m.
Guam Premier Outlets, Tamuning	Sunday, December 13	9:00 a.m 12:00 p.m.
Guam Judicial Center, Hagåtña	Sunday, December 13	9:00 a.m 12:00 p.m.

The Northern Region Community Health Center (NRCHC) will remain open for COVID-19 testing by appointment only.

DPHSS will be providing test verification codes to Guam COVID Alert app subscribers who test positive on site. DPHSS encourages everyone to download the Guam COVID Alert app, available on Google Play and Apple App Store. For more information, visit https://guamcovidalert.guam.gov/.

GBHWC Crisis Hotline

The Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (GBHWC) has a Crisis Hotline that is available 24/7 at (671) 647-8833/4. For those feeling anxious, stressed, overwhelmed or are needing to talk to someone, GBHWC has experienced providers available and ready to assist the community with any heightened stress and anxiety experienced as a result of COVID-19.

For the latest information on COVID-19, visit <u>dphss.guam.gov</u> or <u>guamrecovery.com</u>. For inquiries on COVID-19, contact 311 through a local number, or call the Joint Information Center at (671) 478-0208/09/10.

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